

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1 - 16 are present for examination and in the Examiner's paper mailed 09/05/08.

- 5 Claims 10 and 12 are canceled. At page 2 of the Examiner's paper the Examiner rejects "Claims 1-9, 11 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Each of the 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph rejections mentioned by the Examiner have been addressed and are believed
- 10 to be accommodated by small changes to the claim involved in each case.

At page 2 of the Examiner's paper, the Examiner suggests the addition of a step to claims 1 and 14 that will require "trimming the excess to make the lens as desired."

Claim 14 is amended to add step "j." as follows:

- 15 j. trimming the desired patterns over the region of the target exceeding the perimeter of the contact lens to be formed to obtain the lens desired."

Support for this change is found in the published application at paragraph 0029, line 0022 and subsequent.

- 20 At page 2, paragraph 2, of the Examiner's paper at the first sentence, the Examiner says "It is noted in claim 1, step a, line 1, the term "alternating" has been deleted. However, claims 8 and 9, which further define the step, include the term "alternating" and the term should properly be put back into claim 1, step a to avoid confusion."

- 25 Claims 13 and 14 are amended to reinsert step "i" as follows:

"i. alternating the polarity of the output voltage of the power supply between the target and the needle tip to prevent charge buildup on electrospun fibers and to permit

the deposition of electrospun fibers at precise intervals to enable the construction of a precise electrospun mat of polymer fibers”

5 At page 2 of the Examiner’s paper, step h, last line the Examiner suggests the addition of the word “desired” and the word is inserted.

At page 2, line 16 of the Examiner’s paper, the Examiner suggests that Claim 14, step g, the word at the word “ and” should be deleted from the end of the step and placed at the end of step h. The recommended change is made to Claim 14 at steps g and h.

10 At page 2 of the Examiner’s paper, at line 17, the Examiner suggests that Claim 14, step i, line one, a comma should be replaced with the word – and --. The replacement was made.

15 At page 2 of the Examiner’s paper, at lines 17 – 20, the Examiner points to a correction of the language in claim 11 that should be made and the change is made.

Conclusion:

20 It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited. If the examiner should have any questions, he may feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

25 Although no additional fees are believed to be owing at this time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §~ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500656.

This FIFTH AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 12/24/08 is being filed electronically within the 3 months allowed.

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